

We hope you enjoy Term 3's edition of 'Mission Heights News.'  
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Principal, Mr Ian Morrison

## Message from the Principal

### Term 3 Newsletter

#### Information for students and parents

A busy Term 3 ended with a visit from the Education Review Office. This is part of the regular cycle of assurance by the Ministry of Education. We enjoyed meeting the review team as we see this as a learning opportunity which will assist us to continue to offer the best possible learning opportunities to our students. I have often said that I wish ERO could come unannounced at any time, so confident am I that what they would see would match closely with what we aim to achieve. The team had the privilege of meeting our wonderful students and staff who bring the vision of *"growing greatness through innovative, constantly evolving, personalised learning"* to life. The review forms part of our regular and on-going reflection as we strive to improve and seek feedback at any opportunity. No school can say that everything is perfect, however we are very proud of what we do and how our students continue to rise to new challenges and improve academic achievement every year.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all staff and supporters who helped with our busy extra-curricular programme last term. Incredible opportunities ranging from the school musical, AIMS Games, OPC trip, Saturday morning sport and many other activities would not be possible without the willing support of teachers, parents and volunteers and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Growing greatness/Kia mana ake

Ian Morrison

**OUR VISION**  
*'Growing Greatness through  
innovative, constantly evolving  
personalised learning...'*



## Upcoming Events

Dates are also published on our website, [Mission Heights Online](#).

### College Sport Touch

Weekly Touch module commences  
Tuesday 18th October

### PhotoLife Team Photos

Wednesday 19th October

### College Sport Volleyball

Weekly Volleyball module continues  
Thursday 20th October

### MHJC BOT Meeting

Thursday 20th October

### Labour Day Holiday

Monday 24th October

### Yr 9 & 10 Exams

Tuesday 25th October to Monday  
31st October

### SEZ Touch hosted at MHJC

Tuesday 1st November

### NetSafe Meeting 7pm in the MH Library

Thursday 3rd November

### MHJC Athletics & Tabloids Day

Monday 7th November

### Yr 6 Whole Day Experience Transition Event

Friday 11th November

### Yr 10 Transition at OSC: Visit 1

Friday 11th November

### SEZ Athletics

Wednesday 16th November

### MHJC Swimming Sports

Thursday 17th November

### MHJC BOT Meeting

Thursday 17th November

### Yr 10 Transition at OSC: Visit 2

Friday 18th November

### Road Patrol Service Trip to Rainbow's End

Wednesday 23rd November

### Māori & Pasifika Celebration of Success Evening

Thursday 24th November

### Teacher Only Day (No School)

Friday 25th November

### Santa Show

## MHJC Embraces 'Chinese Day' Celebrations

Confident spinning and throwing of Chinese diabolos, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese costumes and chopstick challenges saw Mission Heights Junior College's exciting Chinese Language Week celebrations catch the eye of our local Eastern Courier reporter, Liu Chen, recently. Enthusiasm was high as students from all year levels participated in this popular event. The dumpling tasting activity proved to be a particular hit amongst students!

Teachers also participated in Chinese quizzes throughout the week and enjoyed the chance to taste a slice of moon cake. Students and staff enjoyed the authentic experiences associated with the celebration of the Moon Festival (Mid- autumn Festival). Mrs Juliet Gao and staff would like to thank the Asia New Zealand Foundation for their support of this year's Chinese Day celebrations at MHJC. *[The full article from the Eastern Courier can be located at the base of this newsletter.]*



# Asia New Zealand Foundation



## SCIENCE FAIR

Well done to all the participants of the MHJC Science Fair. Our 2016 competition received 79 entries, comprising of nearly 200 students from across all year levels. There were a variety of topics covered with some interesting scientific discoveries and technological designs.

**Congratulations to our winners:**

### Year 7

**1st Place:** Aadi Golchha

### Year 8

**1st Place:** Niamh Beattie & Pahul Kaur

**2nd Equal:** Ru-Qing Xu, Faiza Aboobacker & Kathleen Tieu

**2nd Equal:** Anav Ramsing

**Highly Commended:** Chantelle Renolds & Devarnya Govender

**Highly Commended:** Alex Leng, Harjot Dharni Singh & Jerusalem Toilalo

**Highly Commended:** Prina Patel & Wasan Abu Nada

### Year 9

**1st Place:** Benson Ireland, Devon Murdoch & Anthony Zhu

**Highly Commended:** Cael Dayu, Ryan Iglesia & Eugene Chua

### Year 10

**1st Place:** Alina Hayat, Brendan Hua & Caleb Ye

**2nd Place:** Emaan Hartley & Bella Lin

**3rd Place:** Hruthin Pagadala, Harvir Singh Birl & Carl Xie

Friday 2nd December

### End of the Year Trips - All Whanau

Friday 9th November

### Year 10 Graduation

Monday 12th December, 6pm

### Year 9 Prizegiving

Tuesday 13th December, 10:00am

### Year 7 & 8 Prizegiving

Wednesday 14th December, 10:00am

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## 2017 Start Up Dates

### Term 1

#### Admin Day:

*Compulsory for all students and parents*

Tuesday 31st January, 2017  
8:30am to 3:30pm or  
5:30pm to 7:30pm

### Yr 7 & 10 Students Start

Wednesday 1st February, 2017  
8:30am

### All Students at School

Thursday 2nd February, 2017  
8:30am

**Important Reminder:** Please do not book overseas travel during term time.



### Enviro Week

The Enviro Council organised a series of activities to get MHJC thinking about the environment around them. Students had opportunities to participate in a guided walk at the Point View Reserve, enter a plastic design inter-whanau competition, make dog toys for SPCA, test local waterways, and more!

The results of the plastics competition are in, and the 'Spoon Lamp'



### Regional Science Fair Success

Hot on the heels of our own Science Fair event, students from MHJC earned top placings at the regional competition. Our NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair winners were:

#### Third Places

**Category 2 - Years 7 & 8 Physical and Material World:**

Anav Ramsing

**Category 4 - Intermediate Consumer Science:**

Ru-Qing Xu, Faiza Aboobacker & Kathleen Tieu

**Category 5 - Years 7 to 10 Technology & Innovations:**

Alina Hayat, Brendan Hua & Caleb Ye

#### Second Place

**Category 7 - Years 9 & 10 Physical and Material World:**

Emaan Hartley & Bella Lin

#### First Places

**Category 6 - Years 9 & 10 Living World:**

Hruthin Pagadala, Harvir Singh Birl & Carl Xie

**Category 9 - Years 9 to 13 Secondary Consumer Science:**

Joanne Ting

#### Special Prizes

**Best Application of Electronics:**

Hruthin Pagadala, Harvir Singh Birl & Carl Xie

**Baking Award (Second Place):**

Joanne Ting

**Auckland Transport Travelwise Award (Second Place):**

Hruthin Pagadala, Harvir Singh Birl & Carl Xie

**Best Overall Year 10 Innovation, Invention or Investigation:**

Alina Hayat, Brendan Hua & Caleb Ye



(below) from Coast Whanau was awarded first place in the competition.

The Spoon Lamp also took out the People's Choice Award. You can see the designs on display in the library early next term.



# ICAS

International Competitions  
and Assessments for Schools



## Academic Competition Results

The test results from the ICAS, Otago Maths and Australian Maths exams are starting to trickle in. Mission Heights Junior College is proud to report our top results:

### ICAS Maths Distinction

- Jasper Carpenter
- Jahnavi Shah
- Kevin Fu
- Erica Ngin
- Sakada Noun
- Joshua Christmas
- Eugene Chua
- Campbell Strong

### ICAS Maths High Distinction

- Brooklyn Camage

# net safe meeting

[www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

## Invitation to Cyber-safety Evening and Introduction of 1:1 Learning

Mission Heights Junior College has a well established culture of digital learning and protocols about the use of digital devices while at school.

We realise that education is a partnership between school and home so the more we can help parents with what can be a challenging topic will be of benefit to everyone. For this reason we have invited a representative from Netsafe to provide sensible, practical advice about how to use social media safely. Many relationship issues that arise at school have started with the misuse of social media at home so a "team" approach to the issue is important.

The introduction of 1:1 learning next year, means students will be bringing their own devices to school (and many already bring mobile phones), so important information will also be provided about the school's policies and procedures regarding ICT.

**When:** Thursday 3rd November, 2016

**Where:** School Library

**Time:** 6:30-8:00 pm



## Forest's Yr 7 'Olympic Food Festival'

Year 7 students from Forest Whanau set the objective to celebrate the Rio Olympics by inviting teachers to an 'Olympic Food Festival'. They succeeded with great style! Students shared the dishes they had prepared that represented authentic cuisine from different countries. They also displayed their learning journey on science fair boards. The energy at the festival was vibrant and infectious - what a day! Staff were thoroughly treated to delicious food. Well done Year 7's!



**ICAS English Distinction**

- Aadi Golchha
- Victoria Kree
- Erica Ngin
- Eugene Chua
- Campbell Strong
- Christina Bang
- Kayla Pieterse

**ICAS Writing Distinction**

- Dilshadpreet Singh

**ICAS Writing High Distinction**

- Ru-Qing Xu
- Victoria Kree
- Caitlin Pillay

**ICAS Science Distinction**

- Campbell Strong
- Kiesya Liew
- Erica Ngin
- Sakada Noun

**ICAS Digital Technologies Distinction**

- Erica Ngin
- Kyle Anderson
- Ronak Lal
- Alexis Toifau
- Benson Ireland
- Jamini Patel

**ICAS Digital****Technologies High Distinction**

- Zohaib Syed

**Big Science Competition Distinction**

- Victoria Kree

**Big Science****Competition High Distinction**

- Jasper Carpenter

**Otago Junior Maths Merit**

- Jonathon Phou
- Kevin Fu
- Cael Dayu

**Australian Maths High Distinction**

- Sakada Noun
- Campbell Strong

**Another GREAT MHJC Mathex Event!**

Mission Heights Junior College showed that mathematics really can be fun when they hosted their eighth Mathex Competition on Thursday 18th August. Mathex integrates Mathematics, Technology and Sport with students racing the clock and other teams to win prizes. One hundred and fifty eight students from Years 6 to 10 participated in 38 student teams from local schools, including Mission Heights Junior College, Mission Heights Primary, Baverstock Oaks School and Ormiston Senior College along with two brave parent teams and two teacher teams. Our audience of supportive parents actively supported the teams whilst 30 minutes (20 challenging mathematics problems) of excitement, concentration and running ensued.

The winners of the 2016 competition were:

**Year 7: Water Whanau**

Alex Xue, Johanna Fan, Ranvir Singh & Radesh Muhunthan

**Year 8: Coast Whanau**

Kevin Fu, Colin Li, Neha Lal & Ekin Kiu

**Year 9: Coast Whanau**

Campbell Strong, Eugene Chua, Cael Dayu & Calvin Huynh

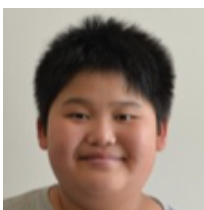
**Year 10: Forest Whanau**

John Yang, Carl Xie, Bill Wong & Ryan Ngo



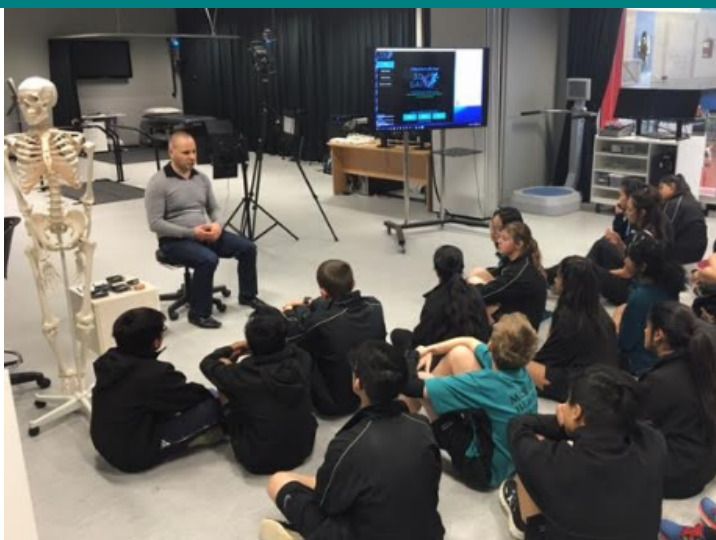
### Sakada 'Tops' Eastern Zone!

Sakada Noun (8W1) represented MHJC at the Howick and Pakuranga Schools Impromptu Speech Competition held at Somerville Intermediate School. Despite the fierce competition, Sakada spoke exceptionally well and was declared the winner. He spoke on the topic, 'My Dream Job'.



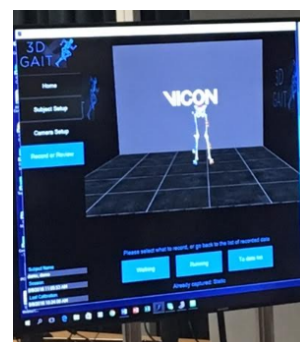
### Kelston Speech Competition

Nathan Zheng (7C2) represented MHJC at first ever Regional Kelston Deaf Education Centre Speech Competition. Nathan came second in this event. We are very proud of his achievement.



### 9C2 Visits AUT Millennium Centre

Students in 9C2 recently attended a field trip to the Millennium Sports Centre, in Mairangi Bay. Students were treated to a tour of the facility and the workshop, where they experienced science (eg. Newton's Laws of Motion) being instrumental in informing athletes about their ability. The instructors were most impressed with MHJC's contextualised learning opportunities!



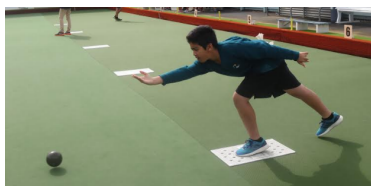
### Justine Win's Tagalog Speech Competition

Justine Otieco (7M1) participated in the Auckland Primary Principals Association regional Tagalog competition and she was awarded first place for her speech '*...the importance of maintaining our identity*'. We are very proud of your achievement, Justine!



### 'Olympics Day' at Kolmar Sports Centre

Year 8 & 9 students from Water Whanau traveled to the Kolmar Sports Centre to hold the sporting component of their 'Learning Olympiad' recently. Students were organised into teams that represented 20 countries from around the world, and competed against each other in tennis, lawn bowls, soccer and hand ball. Congratulations to 'China' for winning gold medal in the Yr 9 division and to 'Jamaica' who won the Yr 8 event. Thank you to teachers for organising this superb event!



### Outdoor Pursuits Centre Adventures

Twenty students from Year 9 embraced the amazing opportunity to head down to the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre for an adventure-packed week recently. Despite the inclement weather, students participated in a range of team challenges, high and low ropes courses, caving, a day on the mountain, overnight tramping, abseiling and even managed to fit in a night trip to the hot pools! Everyone had a FANTASTIC week with many memorable experiences gained and life skills learnt. Thank you to Mr Pasupati and Miss Baker for leading the trip.



## Sports Report



### Cordelia's Success at New Zealand Ice Skating Nationals

Congratulations to Cordelia Shi (7W1) who won a silver medal at the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships in Christchurch during the holidays. Cordelia competed in the under 12 yrs division and we are very proud that her commitment to a demanding training schedule has resulted in a podium finish!



### Football

Three of our talented footballers played in the WSAFC - Fuji Xerox Cup, a 13th Grade Invitational Tournament. Dylan Reuben-Menzies and Connor Boyd represented the Fencibles Utd AFC, and CJ Lupena-Baker Onehunga Sports FC.



### AIMS Games Tournament, Tauranga

This was the third year that Mission Heights Junior College attended the AIMS Games in Tauranga, and we are pleased that the MHJC contingent has continued to grow. Year 7 & 8 students enjoyed a challenging yet rewarding tournament, with some impressive personal and team performances.

**GymSport:** We were very proud to enter our first participant into the GymSport competition this year. Amanda Johnson was entered into the challenging 'Nationals Division' and despite a very strong field, placed an impressive 9th out of 13 competitors. GymSport involved rope, hoop and 'free' routines with Amanda executing her strongest performance during the 'free' (body movement) event. Well done Amanda!

**Swimming:** Marissa Dodd had a most successful meet, finishing an impressive 4th place in the 100m freestyle and 6th place in the 50m freestyle events. Congratulations Marissa!

**Basketball:** Our boys basketball team suffered a setback with Marlon Bolivar breaking his collar bone early in pool play. The team stepped up and exceeded expectations during their first appearance at the AIMS Games. Under Coach Lem's guidance the boys ultimately placed 22nd out of an expansive field.

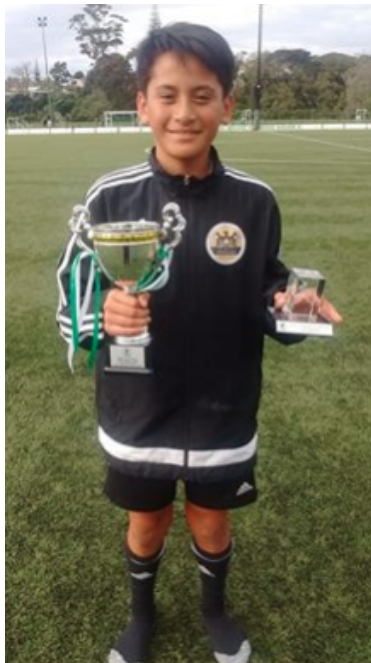
**Badminton:** Our badminton team played extremely well with two MHJC players finishing in the top 16 in the singles event. Justin Ho finished 5th, Yuan Tsai finished 12th and the boys also won the bronze medal for the team event. A wonderful result - well done boys!

**Football:** The football team had a really tough draw which involved playing two of the teams who were favoured to win the competition. MHJC lost two of their pool games against Sacred Heart who placed 2nd and Hutt International who placed 7th. These results placed the boys in the second division, where they played extremely well. Overall, MHJC finished 24th out of 60 teams.

**Netball:** Our netball team thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Games, however had some tough matches against some formidable opponents. The girl's made MHJC proud by never giving up and finishing 82nd out of 110 teams.



CJ's team ended up winning the tournament, defeating Eastern Suburbs 3-0 in a one-sided final. Congratulations to all three young men, and in particular to CJ for taking home a winners medal!



### Cricket

Three of our top cricketers travelled to Wellington to represent the Northern Districts in the Indoor Cricket New Zealand, Junior National Provincials. Benson Ireland, Max Herbert, and Azhar Lambat had a tough few days of competitive indoor cricket and were rewarded for their efforts with a runners-up medal in the under 14 competition. Congratulations!



**SEZ Cross Country:** We took our biggest team to date to the South Eastern Zone Cross Country event. 33 runners travelled to St Kentigern College and performed very well in wet and challenging conditions.

**Premier Netball:** The Mission Heights Junior College premier netball team has competed in the Auckland Netball Competition on Saturday mornings at the AMI Auckland Netball Centre. The girls had a successful season and finished 2nd in the Intermediate 'A' section two division. This means that MHJC finished 8th in Auckland out of all Year 9&10 teams. Well done to the team and to their coach Miss Sarah Baker.

**u/15 Girls Basketball:** Basketball has really taken off at Mission Heights and we have 16 basketball teams at different age levels. This year our u/15 girls team entered the Counties Manukau competition. They played 9 games and won 6. This meant that they finished second in the competition and qualified for the Auckland Championships. A wonderful team effort and our thanks go to coach, Mr Aaron Gracie.

**South Eastern Zone Football:** Our Year 7 & 8 Mission Heights Junior College boys football team competed in the South Eastern Zone football league. This was held at the Riverhills Football Club and the team won an impressive 8 of their 10 fixtures. The boys played in a nail biting final and won, finishing as champions of the South Eastern Zone football league. Congratulations to the team and to their coach Mr David Nutt.

**u/14A MHJC Premier Boys Football:** This was the first year that our premier (u/14) boys football team entered the Auckland Saturday morning competition. The team was entered into the Auckland u/14 A3 competition and they played against schools from the North Shore, West Auckland and Central Auckland. The team played 9 games winning 8 of the games and finishing as champions! Well done to the team and their coach Mr Alex Jackman.

Thank you for all of the support teams have received from parents.

**Helgard Groenewald**  
Sports Coordinator



A reminder that Mission Heights Junior College is **open for viewing** by the public on Wednesday mornings each week, starting at 9:45am from our school reception. Come and see our learners in action!

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### Jarrod Blazed the Trail at Secondary Golf!

Jarrod Millar (9C2) continued his impressive golfing form during Term 3, gaining first place (nett) in the Inter-Collegiate Golf Tournament. This event was held in Auckland, for Year 9 to 13 students. A highlight of Jarrod's performance was his strong drives, which enabled him to make 3 birdies on the day. Congratulations, Jarrod!

### MHJC Students Volunteer for the NZ Breakers

Well done to Josh Wang-McCarthy, Anthony Nelson, Jade Nelson and Marcus Vaevae for volunteering at the ANBL season opener at Vector Arena last Friday night. The NZ Breakers gained an impressive 76-71 win over Melbourne United and play again tonight in Perth against the Wildcats.

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### 'Get Ready Week' 10th-16th October

Would your family be prepared for the event of an emergency? MHJC participated in the Ministry of Civil Defense's 'Get Ready Week' by holding a school-wide earthquake drill. While different kinds of emergency events happen in different locations, being prepared is something we all need to do. What's the Plan, Stan? can help families develop plans so that you'll be ready no matter what happens!

<http://www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz/information-for-parents/>

### Important Notice Regarding Bus Changes

Everything about bus services in South Auckland will change on Sunday 30th October, 2016. There will be new bus routes and new timetables. This means if your child uses a public bus to get to school, their journey is likely to be different and you will need to re-plan their bus journey. Bus timetables and bus route maps are available from Auckland Transport's website [www.AT.govt.nz/newnetworksouth](http://www.AT.govt.nz/newnetworksouth)

More information is available on Auckland Transport's website or contact their Call Centre on 09 366 6400.







This year Mission Heights Junior College put on the school production "Popstars: A 90's Musical". Eighty talented students and staff worked for 10 months to execute six wonderful performances, complete with a live band, choir, a dedicated 'behind the scenes' team. The impressive actors and dancers performed to four sell out shows.

The audience was introduced to the boyband vs. girlband revenge/love triangle plot line, by way of nearly 30 number one hits from the 90's. This proved to be the catalyst for the humour, romance, anger and polished dance routines that followed.

The tremendous time and dedication that the production team invested was certainly reflected through the high quality performances, that saw audience members returning for more than one show. Our thanks to Abbi Shields, Ezra Bartlett, Megan Bryer, Rebecca McGrath, Jason Tuhaka, Justine Tuhaka and team. Congratulations to the "POPSTARS" cast and crew for making this year's production a highlight of the 2016 calendar!





Mission Heights Junior College students have been enjoying Chinese Language Week activities. LIU CHEN / FAIRFAX NZ

# NZ Chinese Language Week gains strength

**LIU CHEN**

New Zealand has been celebrating its second Chinese Language Week.

Schools, universities, libraries and businesses across the country have been promoting Chinese learning through events ranging from workshops on calligraphy and basic Mandarin greetings, to Peking Opera performances.

"It's about encouraging more non-Chinese New Zealanders to have a go at learning Chinese and seeks to bridge the cultural and linguistic knowledge gap between China and NZ," says Jeff Johnstone, a trustee for Chinese Language Week.

"We want to raise the awareness of non-Chinese New Zealanders about the benefits of learning Chinese."

Participating East Auckland schools have included Mission

Heights Junior College, Howick Intermediate, Bucklands Beach Primary and Macleans College.

Mission Heights Junior College had a special Chinese Day on Wednesday, when all students had a chance to learn about Chinese language and culture through calligraphy, quizzes, games and trying on costumes.

"We are really valuing Mandarin as the language of the future," says Melanie Kindley, deputy principal of the college.

It has made Mandarin lessons compulsory for Year 7 and 8 students this year. Juliet Gao, a Mandarin teacher at the school, believes it provides an opportunity for young people to be "exposed to Chinese culture, to immerse and celebrate".

"Learning Chinese is ongoing," says Gao. "The event makes Chinese learning meaningful to them."

"It's a chance for Chinese students to be proud of themselves. Not all of the Chinese students have the opportunity to shine. Now they have the chance to be a leader."

Gao says they're lucky to be one of the schools receiving funding from the Asia New Zealand Foundation to hold events.

Chinese Language Week project manager Gretchen Leuthart says: "We hope it will be an annual fixture as more cities, regions and communities get behind to support it."

"We want to keep it going. Chinese is the fourth-largest ethnic speaking group in New Zealand. Our aim is to be as big as Maori Language Week."

Many free resources are provided online at [nzclw.com](http://nzclw.com) for people interested in learning Chinese, as well as schools keen to incorporate Mandarin into their curriculum.

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